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DETAILED ACTION

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• This action is responsive to the following communication: an Amendment filed on 3/8/05.

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Response to Arguments

• Applicant's arguments, see pages 21-31, filed on 3/8/05, with respect to claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 have been fully considered and are persuasive.

• Applicant's arguments, see pages 21-22, filed 3/8/05, with respect to claims 1, 4, and 7 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 112, 1st paragraph rejection of claims 1, 4, and 7 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 1-42 are allowed.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior arts of record teach a print server for reserving print data sent from a plurality of host computers, but fail to teach and/or suggest:
- "transmission means for transmitting transmission permission information to the client based on the print order managed by said order management means, the transmission permission information indicating that the print data may be transmitted to said printer, such that the client directly transmits the print data to the printer without intervention of the server apparatus if the spool function of the image storage unit of said client is selected by a users; and control means for transmitting the print data of the print job of the print order from said image storage means instead of the client to the printer when said determination means determines that the message is not received", which can be found in independent claims 1, 4, and 7;
- "image storage means for storing print data of a print job corresponding to the job information so that the information processing apparatus may directly transmit the print data to the printer without intervention of the server apparatus if the spool function of the image storage unit of said client is selected by a user; selection means for causing a user to select one of a spool function of said image storage means and a spool function of the server apparatus via a user

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interface, which is adapted to store the print data of the print job to be executed according to the print request to the server apparatus; determination means for determining whether the spool function of said image storage means is selected or the spool function of the server apparatus is selected by said selection means; control means for, if it is determined by said determination means to use the spool function of the server apparatus, transmitting the print data to the server apparatus, whereas, if it is determined by said determination means to use the spool function of said image storage means, controlling said image storage means to store the print data and controlling said sending means to send the job information" which can be found in independent claims 8, 11, and 14-15, 18, and 21;

• image storage means for storing the print job and the intermediate data of the print job to be executed according to a print request such that the information processing apparatus directly transmits the print job to the printer without intervention of the server apparatus if the spool function of the of said client is selected by a user; determination means for determining whether the intermediate data of the print job designated by said job designation means is stored in said image storage means or in the spool unit of the server apparatus; intermediate data acquisition means for, if it is determined by said determination means that the intermediate data of the print job designated by said job designation means is stored in said image storage means, reading the intermediate data from said image storage means, whereas, if it is determined by said determination means that the intermediate data is stored in the server apparatus, downloading the intermediate data from the server apparatus", which can be found in independent claims 22, 26, and 30.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

• Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L Pham whose telephone number is (703) 305-1897. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K Moore can be reached on (703)308-7452. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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